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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV IMPORT SURCHARGES

REF: GENEVA 4481 (NOTAL)

1. YUGOSLAV IMPORT SURCHARGE NOTIFIED TO GATT (REFTEL) RAISES THE "TEMPORARY" SURCHARGE WHICH HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON DUTIABLE GOODS SINCE JULY 19, 1970. SURCHARGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED ANNUALLY, AND WE EXPECT IT TO BE PROLONGED BEYOND PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 1975.

2. RATE OF SURCHARGE INCREASES FROM SIX TO TEN PERCENT ON MOST DUTIABLE IMPORTS, BUT A FIVE (PREVIOUSLY TWO) PERCENT RATE APPLIES TO SOME PRODUCTS. FIVE PERCENT RATE ALSO APPLIES WHEN, UNDER EXISTING CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, REDUCED TARIFF TREATMENT GRANTED ON EQUIPMENT IMPORTED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NINETEEN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. PRODUCTS AND ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED BELOW.

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A. PRODUCTS (BTN NUMBERS):

(1) 15.07/1 SOYBEAN OIL, UNREFINED; (2) 15.07/5 SUNFLOWER OIL UNREFINED; (3) 23.01/2 FISH MEAL AND POWDER; (4) 23.04 OILSEED CAKES AND OTHER BYPRODUCTS FROM VEGETABLE OIL; (5) 25.10/1 CALCIUM PHOSPHATES; (6) 26.01/1A IRON ORE AND CONCENTRATES OVER 42 PERCENT FE; (7) 27.01/1A ANTHRACITE; (8) 27.01/1B COKING COAL; (9) 27.04/1A,B,C COKE (FINE, METALLURGICAL, FOUNDRY); (10) 29.14/3D VINYL ACETATE; (11) 29.27/1 ACRYLONITRILE MONOMER; (12) 29.35/12 CAPROLACTAM; (13) 31.02/2D AMMONIUM SULPHATE; (14) 31.04/2 POTASSIUM CHLORIDE; (15) 39.01/3&4 POLYESTERS AND POLYAMIDES IN POWDER AND GRANULES; (16) 41.01/1 -5 HIDES, UNPROCESSED; (17) 41.01/6A PIG SKINS, UNPROCESSED; (18) 41.02/2A-1 CATTLE HIDES, PARTIALLY TANNED; (19) 41.04/1A & 2A GOATSKINS, PARTIALLY TANNED; (20) 47.01/3 HIGH QUALITY CELLULOSE, BLEACHED; (21) 47.01/4-7 CAUSTIC CELLULOSE AND SULPHATE CELLULOSE, RAW, BLEACHED/EXCEPT 47.01/3; (22) 51.01/1A,B MONOFILAMENTS AND OTHER YARNS OF CONTINUOUS SYNTHETIC FIBRES; (23) 51.01/2A RAYON YARN; (24) 51.01/2B YARNS OF CONTINUOUS ACETATE FIBRES; (25) 51.01/2C OTHER SYNTHETIC FIBRES; (26) 52.01 SHEEP OR LAMB WOOL, NOT PULLED, NOT CARDED; (27) 53.05/1-2 SHEEP OR LAMB WOOL, CARDED; (28) 56.01/1 SYNTHETIC FIBRES (DISCONTINUOUS); (29) 56.01/2 ARTIFICIAL FIBRES DISCONTINUOUS; (30) 56.02 TOW-CABLES OF CONTINUOUS ARTIFICIAL OR SYNTHETIC FILAMENTS, FOR PRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL OR SYNTHETIC FIBRES (DISCONTINUOUS); (31) 56.04/1A SYNTHETIC FIBRES, CARDED; (32) 73.03/1-2 SCRAP IRON AND SCRAP CASTINGS; (32) 73.07 IRON AND STEEL IN BLOOMS, BARS, SLABS AND BILLETS, IRON AND STEEL PIECES ROUGHLY SHAPED BY FORGING; (33) 73.08 HOT-ROLLED STRIPS OF IRON OR STEEL, IN ROLLS (BUNDLES) FOR RE-ROLLING; (34) 73.12/1A HOT-ROLLED STRIPS, UNCOATED UP TO 500 MM WIDE FOR FURTHER PROCESSING; (35) 88.02/1 AIRCRAFT FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC, WITH AT LEAST 5 SEATS; (36) 29.02/4 VINYLCHLORIDE MONOMER.

B. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

(1) PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY; (2) COAL MINING; (3) MINING, SMELTING, REFINING OF METALS; (4) BLAST FURNACES AND STEEL WORKS; (5) MINING, SMELTING AND REFINING OF NON-METALS; (6) BASIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTION; (7) COKING PLANTS; (8) FORESTRY; (9) PULP AND WOOD PANEL PRODUCTION; (10) CEMENT PRODUCTION; (11) PRODUCTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF BASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES; (12) CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSES FOR BASIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; (13) SUGAR AND EDIBLE OIL PRODUCTION (14) MINING AND GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH; (15) PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH OF OIL AND GAS; (16) CONSTRUCTION OF OIL AND GAS PIPE LINES; (17) DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST INDUSTRY WHICH GENERATES FOREIGN EXCHANGE; (18) DEVELOPMENT OF RAILROAD AND MARITIME TRAFFIC; (19) MODERNIZATION OF YUGOSLAV RAILROADS.

3. ACTIVITIES LISTED PARA 2B MAY OBTAIN DEFERRAL OF TARIFF AND PART OF SURCHARGE PROVIDED IMPORT (A) NEEDED FOR NEW PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AND (B) NOT MANUFACTURED IN YUGOSLAVIA. WHEN THESE TWO CONDITIONS OBTAIN, THREE PERCENT OF SURCHARGE MUST BE PAID UPON IMPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT, BUT REMAINING TWO PERCENT AND TARIFF ITSELF NEED NOT BE PAID UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER NEW FACILITY BEGINS PRODUCTION.

4. IN ADDITION TO MEASURE DISCUSSED THIS MESSAGE, THREE OTHER SURCHARGES CONTINUE IN EFFECT: (A) THREE PERCENT EQUALIZATION TAX, (B) ONE PERCENT CUSTOMS EVIDENCE TAX, AND (C) SPECIAL SURCHARGE ON SOME 85 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO PROTECT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION FROM IMPORTATION AT "DUMPING PRICES".
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